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SWEEPING VICTORY FOR UNION GOVERNMENT

Western Canada Solid for Democracy

Without Soldiers' Vote, Government Have Majority of 46 Seats. Quebec Lines Up Solid for Laurier.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Union government has won a decisive victory at the polls. At an early hour this morning practically complete returns from the eastern provinces and results not quite so complete from the west indicate that apart from the soldiers' vote to be counted in January, the government will have a majority in excess of 40.

The provinces east of the Ottawa river more than verified the predictions of those who believed that the Unionists and Liberals would break about even, and Ontario and the west proved a surprise. The opposition counted on at least 20 seats from Ontario, and only got half that number. Liberals thought they could count on not less than 15 seats in the west, but up to 1 o'clock, Molloy, of Provencer, Man., and Stork, of Skeena, B.C., are the only supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier elected. Two or three seats in northern Alberta may still be in doubt because of the large number of country polls still to be heard from, but there is little to indicate the possibility of more than three or four oppositionists being elected in Western Canada.

In Ontario, 73 of the 82 constituencies have been won by the Unionist forces, and all the ministers have been elected by large majorities. The opposition has been successful only in North Waterloo, Russell, South Renfrew, Prescott, South Perth, West Middlesex, Kent, South Essex, North Essex, and South Bruce.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his running mate, H. McEwen, were defeated close on to 1,000 majority in the capital, but the Liberal leader was returned in Quebec east by 6,000.

Quebec did even worse for the Unionists than was expected, 62 out of 65 seats going into the Liberal column. The three successful Unionist candidates in Quebec were Hon. C. J.

Doherty, minister of justice, who won a three-cornered fight in St. Anne's division, Montreal; Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, who was elected by a good majority in St. Lawrence-St. George division, and Sir Herbert Ames, who still holds St. Antoine division in the same city. Outside of Montreal, no Unionist was elected.

MINISTERS DEFEATED.
In Quebec province alone did ministers of the crown suffer defeat. Hon. P. E. Blondin, postmaster-general, who is in England, failed to secure election in either the Laurier-Outremont division of Montreal, or his old constituency of Champlain; while Hon. A. S. Rogers, minister of inland revenue, was equally unsuccessful in Westmount-St. Henri (Montreal) and Dorchester. In the latter constituency his successful opponent was Lucien Cannon. The defeat of these two ministers leaves the French Canadian majority in the government.

In the maritime provinces the Liberals have captured 18 of the 29 contested seats. Prince Edward Island was equally unsuccessful in Westmount-St. Henri (Montreal) and Dorchester. In the latter constituency his successful opponent was Lucien Cannon. The defeat of these two ministers leaves the French Canadian majority in the government.

A striking feature of the election has been the size of the majorities secured by the Unionist candidates in Ontario and the west, and by the Liberals in Quebec. The record majority was secured in South Winnipeg by Allan, the Unionist candidate, who beat his opponent by more than 12,000. The women's vote was doubtless largely responsible for the abnormal majorities secured by Unionist candidates, more particularly in urban constituencies.

ITALIANS HOLDING CONTROLLING HEIGHTS ABOVE THE PASSES

DESPERATE ATTEMPTS OF THE ENEMY TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE PLAINS ARE IN VAIN.

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, Dec. 15.—After a heavy sacrifice of men and five days of continuous fighting, the enemy has succeeded in making a slight advance, bringing his position up to Caprile Hill, just east of the Brenna river. This represents an advance of only three-quarters of a mile, its chief importance being that Caprile is one of the dominating heights at the head of the San Lorenzo valley leading southward to the plains toward which the enemy is persistently exerting all his pressure.

As his chief effort the previous week was to gain command of the passes west of the Brenna river, all his attention in the last week has been given to the passes on the east bank. The fighting during the last five days has been heavy, and at times desperate for control of strategic positions.

HEADS OF ENEMY DEAD.

The struggle yesterday and today took on a double aspect, with the Italians attacking on the right of Mount Pertica, occupied by the enemy, while the Austrians concentrated their attacks on the left around Mount Ben and its neighbouring hill Caprile. The Alps again distinguished themselves in charges up the slopes of Pertica in an effort to redeem the hill but, while all reports agree that hopes of enemy dead marked the course of the Alpine assaults, they were unable to maintain their position at the summit, exposed to the sweep of enemy batteries. Austrian attacks on the left were twice repulsed, but late yesterday with a large addition of fresh troops, the Austrians got to the summit of Caprile, while the Italian lines were correspondingly drawn back. Although Caprile is at the head of San Lorenzo valley, the passage along this valley is controlled by the heights on both sides held by the Italians.

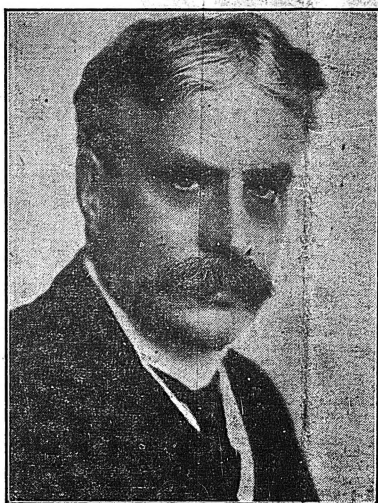
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ROLL OF HONOR CURLING NOTES

Pte. F. W. Barry, of Innisfail, is reported missing in Monday's returns. The two members to represent Innisfail will be elected later.

MILITARY NOTES

Pte. E. Rivers, of the 63rd, Edmonton, and now of the 49th Canadian, who was wounded some time ago in France, sent to his friend, C. T. Elime, his trophies he had picked up on the battle field, among them being a shoulder strap of a German officer, a cigarette case with an iron cross on the case and German cigarettes inside, and a Prussian Guard button, with other small articles. Pte. Rivers is one of our most heroic sons, and was badly wounded in the leg. He has nearly regained the use of the limb now.

Pte. Reg. Wolton arrived in Red Deer from the north last evening. He came over from England with Pte. Joe. Gault and the other boys a short time ago, but remained in Toronto to visit friends. He went over early in the war, and had his feet frozen and has been on duty in England since.

ITALY IS TAKING ACTION TO CURB HUN ACTIVITIES

GOVERNMENT WISE TO NECESSITY OF STOPPING GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Italian government and police have been taken to the necessity of taking drastic measures against German propaganda. The first fruits of this added vigilance have been the arrest of a Roman newspaperman, Aldo Chierotti, who participated in the execution of Italian journalists to Germany before Italy entered the war. Chierotti continued his anti-war campaign after the war was declared and is now paying the penalty of his acts.

The police also searched the office of the socialist paper Avanti di Milan, arresting one member of the staff and the secretary of the Milanese socialist organization who were believed to be implicated in the falsification of passports for Switzerland, which is the centre of German intrigues in Europe against the Allies.

Four ex-deputies of the Italian chamber have been arrested in connection with the Bolo affair. Turmel and Schoeller, who figured in the French revolution, seem to have assisted in the execution of the Bolo affair. The wife of Dr. De Blanta, Swiss minister at the Quirinal, is a daughter of the latter.

GRADE VIII.

STANDING FOR DECEMBER.

These writing on all examinations:
Margaret Moseley 89
Charlotte McFarlane 78
Pearl Warner 75
Eula Carscadden 73
Les Searanck 71
Estella Urquhart 71
Douglas Spring 70
Leslie Fear 70
Lucille Connors 70
Mabel Soderman 69
Bert Townsend 68
Hazel Stewart 67
Eric Hopworth 66
Ian McLennan 66
Marjory Wilson 65
Mandy Richards 65
Reta Townsend 62
Andrew Slaght 62
Lella Heffmann 61
Geo. Baile 59
Daniel Dove 59
Florence Lund 59
Ronald Gatz 55
Ernest Meeres 54
Agnes Wiltshire 51
On ten examinations: 79
Ella Shantz 79
On nine examinations: 73
Brenda Heywood 73
Olivier Pederson 62
Marion Jarvis 62
Special student—E. McCormick, 73
Class average 65.9.

FIERCE CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN RUSSIA

London, Dec. 13.—In a long review of the Russian situation, the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says there is no prospect of a peaceful settlement and that henceforth force must decide everything. The secret of the successes throughout the country of the Bolsheviks, is that, he writes, they represent the iron hand. What is behind them is a vast, unclassified, but among the influential members of their organization are men who were prominent in the secret police of the empire which ruled Russia. These men according to the British press, are introducing discipline everywhere.

He continues, "Although floods of indignation are being poured daily upon the Bolsheviks, it is beyond question that they are gaining ground in Russia, simply because they use a strong hand, which is the only thing the Russians in general appreciate. Their methods might horrify the west, but would be understood perfectly east of the Suez."

"For example, in the last three weeks there have been taken out of the rivers and canals of Petrograd seven thousand naked corpses of persons whose deaths were not caused by drowning. The injuries which caused death tell their own story. A suit of clothes now-days in Russia is worth more than handfuls of paper money. The corpses of the women even had their hair cut off because it represented marketable value."

UP TO THE PRESENT GREAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN VICTORIOUS

ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ, BOCHÉ ADVOCATE OF UNDERSEA WARFARE MAKES CANDID ADMISSION.

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—The German newspapers contain lengthy accounts of the speech of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz before the Hamburg branch of the Fatherland party, in which the admiral said:

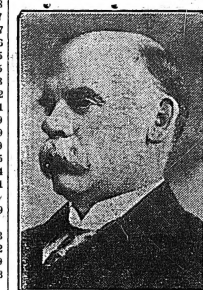
"Up to the present in this war Great Britain has won, rather than lost. Peace based on the status quo ante or on renunciation, therefore, is out of the question for Germany."

With reference to the rumor that Germany would give up Zeppelins, the admiral said in a sentence behind the question of which Flinders might be permitted to disappear.

"The pretext that we can not coerce Great Britain and America falls to the ground when we consider the growing scarcity of the cargo space of our ruthless arch-enemy. The time for final decision will come when real distress begins to take the place of mere threatening distress. That time will come. It is only a question of keeping cool."

Dr. Michael Clark Elected by 1,000 Majority

Red Deer Gave Him 237 Majority, Red Deer District Gave Him Over 400 Majority.



Dr. MICHAEL CLARK.

Everybody recognized the fact that Red Deer would give a large majority for Clark, but few thought we would do so well as to give him 237 of a majority. When the returns started to come in from the country districts it was quickly seen that Dr. Clark would be elected by a large majority, and by nine o'clock the majority had climbed to over one thousand. The probability is that he will have considerably over a thousand majority. As soon as the result was known, the Oddfellows' Hall was crowded with Union Government supporters, who had a very jolly time. Dr. Clark, E. Michener, H. Kenny, and others made brief addresses, and a choir of songsters made things lively while the returns were being received.

A large crowd also attended the Lyric theatre, where twelve reels of pictures were put on, and where returns were received.

Dr. Clark made a very happy address, thanking all those who had worked to elect him. He remarked, among other things, that the Hon. Chas. Cross was quite an organizer (for the other fellow), judging from the returns. At the close, after the national anthem had been sung, the people would not go home, but continued to sing all the National and patriotic songs in the calendar, including "When the Boys Come Home" there's a long, long trail, and other songs, ending up with "For he's a jolly good fellow," and farewell to the ladies. They just had to let that surplus steam.

The following are the results, so far as we could ascertain them, in this riding up to going to press. The majorities only are given:

Poll	Name	Clark	Puffer
1.	East Olds and	156	2
2.	West Olds	12	3
3.	Bowden	12	4
4.	Red Lodge	7	5
5.	Murray Valley	20	6
6.	Roadford	16	7
7.	Waterloo	14	8
8.	Mountain House	15	9
9.	Eagle Valley	5	10
11.	Armstrong	15	12
12.	Birds	6	13
13.	Sundre	6	14
14.	Lohley	6	15
15.	Rockwood	0	16
16.	Cornwall Valley	13	17
17.	Lonsana	23	18
18.	Shorn	25	19
19.	Fairbank	3	20
20.	Lakeview	15	21
21.	Pine View	36	22
22.	Edwell	42	23
23.	Waterside	13	24
24.	Innisfail Rural	13	25
25.	Innisfail	57	26
26.	Big Bend	10	27
27.	Little Red Deer	10	28
28.	Presman	20	29
29.	Markerville	37	30
30.	Dickson	30	31
31.	New Hill	43	32
32.	Wood Lake	0	33
33.	Great Bend	11	34
34.	Mound Lake	2	35
35.	Rosedale	1	36
36.	Delburne	1	37
37.	Gazette Valley	20	38
38.	Cumtland	11	39
39.	Hildon	11	40
40.	Owen	1	41
41.	Valley Centre	11	42
42.	Springvale	25	43
43.	Widdowale	38	44
44.	Clenville	45	45
45.	Balmoral	18	46
46.	East Red Deer	35	47

The meeting of the Waskasoo Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. Jones on December 13th. The business of the meeting was making arrangements for the Christmas tree which is to be held Friday next. It is asked that all members be present at the next meeting for the purpose of electing new officers. After a dainty lunch the meeting closed to meet with Mrs. Hicks on January 3rd, 1918. The following were handed in: 7 pair socks, 2 shirts, 1 doz. pillow cases, 31 towels, 29 triangular bandages, 21 T bandages, \$50 in cash.

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No. 521 (daily except Sundays)		10.55	11.00
No. 523 (daily)		16.40	16.45
SOUTHEBOUND		Arrive	Leave
No. 526 (daily)		3.35	3.40
No. 522 (daily)		11.50	12.00
No. 524 (daily except Sundays)		18.25	18.30
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Her bed with linen fine;
They heaped her board with savory meats,
They brought rich fruits and wine.
The merchant came to Bethlehem's Inn,
Across the desert far,
From Isaphan and Samarcand,
And hoary Kandahar.
Rich oriental freight his camels bore;
The gales flew open wide,
In he swept with stately mien.
His long, slow train beside.
The pilgrim came to Bethlehem's Inn;
Wayward and old was he,
With beard unshorn and garments torn.
A piteous sight to see!
He found a corner dim and lone;
He ate his scanty fare,
Then laid his scrip and sandals by.
And said his evening prayer.
The beggar came to Bethlehem's Inn;
They turned him not away,
Though men and maidens scoffed at him.
They laid the varlet stay.
"The dogs have room; then why not he?"
One to another said:
"Even the dogs have earth to lie upon.
And plenty of bread!"
Maid Mary fared to Bethlehem's well;
Dark was the night and cold,
And eerily the icy blast
Swept down across the world.
She drew a dark brown mantle close
Her whimples round her head.
"Oh, hasten on, my lord," she said,
"For I am sore bestead!"
Maid Mary came to Bethlehem's Inn;
There was no room for her.
They brought her neither meat nor wine,
Nor fragrant oil or myrrh.
But where the horned oxen fed
Amid the sheaves of corn.
One splinter of straw they gave her,
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but he saw no possible harm in people living in the suburbs and the outside subdivisions keeping two or three dogs. He pointed out that this would be a means of using to good purpose, thousands of tons of waste products from the kitchens and gardens, and present utterly lost. Mr. Stevens said "we now come to the everlasting question of hog prices," and proceeded to discuss the question from many points of view. He explained, in the first instance, that the Calgary market for a considerable time had been slightly higher than it should have been, in view of the current prices at Winnipeg. He pointed out that if the ultimate market of Alberta hogs and hog products is eastward, clearly the Calgary market price is due to the fact that the Toronto packers would bid slightly more than the Winnipeg packers, as a matter of fact, it had frequently been higher.

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THE THREE MAGI

According to tradition the bodies of the three magi, or "kings of the east," who visited Christ, bearing gifts, are buried in the Cathedral of Cologne, in Germany. They are said to have been discovered in the thirteenth century by the Empress Elena, brother of Constantine, who translated them from Jerusalem to the great church of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, whence they were sent by the Emperor Emanuel to Milan at the request of the Bishop of that city. In 1164 the Emperor Frederick of Germany having taken Milan, seized the bodies of the three kings as the most precious booty and removed them with great pomp to Cologne Cathedral. The shrine of the three magi is one of the show places of the city. The altar where the relics are kept is profusely decorated with gems and gold. The bodies are supposed to be buried underneath the high altar, but the three skulls, set in a velvet cushion, profusely adorned with precious stones, are exhibited to those who are willing to pay the large fee demanded for opening and illuminating the chapel where these relics are kept.

SETTING UP THE TREE

The easiest way to hold the Christmas tree in position, if the tree is not too large and heavy, is to insert the trunk into a hole through the bottom of a wooden box, and either paint this box green or red or cover it with green or red paper.

A stanch box will hold up a small tree perfectly, but a somewhat bigger box must be chosen for one of larger growth. If, in spite of all precautions the tree seems too heavy and is inclined to wobble, weight the box on each side with heavy stones. Sometimes the box is filled with sand, the trunk placed in that, and then the wooden cover is nailed in place to make all very solid.

If one has any talent for carpentry, even of the roughest sort, an effective support can be made by nailing two pieces of wood in the shape of a square cross, holding the tree upon this and nailing cleats to hold both tree and support until it stands firmly.

A very pretty effect can be obtained by covering the support of the tree and the floor directly around it with white cotton batting on which silver dust or the strips of silver tinsel called "rain" in most shops have been sprinkled. This makes the tree look as if it was growing in a bunch of snow glittering in the sun.

TWO AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIPS ARE SUNK BY TORPEDO

New York, Dec. 12.—The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbour of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft on the night of December 9 is reported in a message received here today by Commander C. Pflister, of the Italian navy. The information was contained in a telegram received by Commander Pflister from Capt. L. Vannutelli, the naval attaché of the Italian embassy at Washington.

"After successfully crossing several obstructions and mine fields," the dispatch said, "the Italian torpedo craft entered the harbor of Trieste, where they fired four torpedoes against two Austrian men-of-war of the Monarch type. All the torpedoes reached their targets and exploded."

"Though the most intense artillery fire was concentrated against the attacking torpedo boats and though torpedoes were fired against them all our units returned safely to their home bases."

A London dispatch received Wednesday quoted a Vienna official statement as saying that the Austrian battleship Wien was sunk on Sunday night, the date mentioned in the foregoing communication. Most of the crew were saved, the London message stated. The waters in which the vessels were sunk was not stated however.

The Wien is a ship of the Monarch type. The Wien, Monarch, and Budapest were built in 1895 and 1896. They displaced 5,000 tons and were registered as carrying 441 men. They were 323 feet long and 56 feet beam. They were armed with four nine-inch and 29 guns of smaller calibre.

PREMIER DISCUSSES HALIFAX DISASTER AS EYE-WITNESS

RUSHED TO SCENE OF TRAGEDY AND FOUND MOST COMPLETE DESOLATION IN THE OLD CANADIAN CITY.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Sir Robert Borden returned to the capital shortly before midnight. When asked concerning the disaster at Halifax, the prime minister told of how reports reached him first at Summerside, and then at Charlottetown, of the cancellation of his meetings and the trip by special train to Halifax. He relates the early difficulties of the situation and his visits to the hospitals, where he found many pitiful scenes, but the courage and fortitude of the injured was wonderful.

Premier Borden tells of some of the incidents, among them is the following: "A fine young man of Acadian descent, Barney Laforte, drove up by motor with wonderful skill through the blinding blizzard which prevailed Friday afternoon and evening. He had enlisted twice in the Canadian expeditionary forces, but on both occasions had been discharged by reason of physical defects. His father and mother had nine children, making up a family of eleven. All had been killed by the explosion except himself and his father."

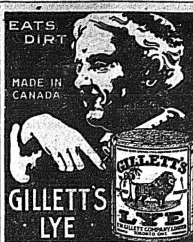
Continuing, the Premier said: "In the arrangements for relief there was at first much confusion, which, of course, was inevitable. Before I left Halifax the committee had been efficiently constituted and were carrying out very effective work. Mr. Moore, of Massachusetts, has had experience in organizing relief in the disasters at Salem, Chelsea, San Francisco and elsewhere. He brought with him five expert organizers who, under his influence and direction, have rendered most valuable aid."

"From all parts of the world sympathy has come forth to the afflicted population of Halifax, and that sympathy has found expression in the magnificent aid which has come from so many quarters. The hearts of the people of Halifax are overflowing with gratitude and they are expressly moved by the wonderful sympathy

and prompt aid that has come to them from their kinsmen of the United States. In particular, the people of the neighboring states of Massachusetts and Maine have rendered most timely aid. Such sympathetic manifestations of affection the ties of kinship and comradeship have grown stronger than ever before."

"One cannot realize the force of the explosion or the extent of the destruction without visiting the scene. At least one square mile of the city is absolutely wiped out. The shock was felt as far away as Charlottetown and glass was broken in windows at Truro, 61 miles distant. In several polling subdivisions of the city not a house remains; the enumerators have been killed and the electors are housed somewhere in the city. In some cases buildings not completely demolished have been twisted shapes as if by the mad freaks of an evil giant. Apparently there was a minor preliminary explosion and many persons rushed to the windows just before the final tremendous explosion occurred. Instantly the glass was shattered into countless myriads of minute fragments and driven so forcibly as to render countenance almost unrecognizable with minute scars. Thus in many cases there has been loss of eyesight as the glass was driven with such force that, notwithstanding the voluntary closing of the eyelids, minute fragments penetrated the eyeballs. Massachusetts has sent celebrated eye specialists who have already given most effective aid and service."

Premier Borden pays glowing tribute to the assistance given from points in the United States, with special mention for Hon. A. C. Bates, Jesky, chairman of the committee of public safety of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, and John F. Moore, with the Massachusetts hospital unit.



HOTEL & RESTAURANT SAVING IS LARGE

Reports from thirty-three large hotels and restaurants throughout the Dominion, out of 16,500 public eating places, show a saving for October, 1917, of 383,000 pounds, or 12 1/2 tons. The report received represents 400,000 or only a small fraction of the hundreds of millions of meals consumed in Canada during the month. While it would be unsafe to make any definite estimate as to the total saving in beef and bacon, it will be realized that such saving has been remarkable, running into thousands of tons in the course of a year.

To make as accurate a comparison as possible, statistics have been gathered and compiled showing the actual consumption of beef, fish, flour, etc., during October of this year and October of the year 1916. These figures measure the effect of the food controller's work, and particularly of the regulations to conserve beef, bacon

and white flour.

The per capita consumption of fish in the public eating places shows an increase of 25 per cent over the figures for the corresponding month of last year. It is now at the rate of 118 pounds per annum per capita. It is not known what was the corresponding rate before the war, but the per capita annual consumption of fish in the homes, as well as the restaurants consumption, has been largely increased by the campaign for conservation of beef and bacon.

The per capita consumption of beef in the public eating places reporting is nearly 45 per cent lower than a year ago, while bacon consumption has been cut in half. A considerable saving of white flour is shown, especially for the cities of Halifax and Toronto. In each of six hotels and restaurants, more than a ton of wheat flour was saved, as compared with the amount used in October, 1916. There is a marked tendency towards an increased use of cornmeal and oatmeal.

Returns from Calgary show a notable reduction in the consumption of bacon, and even more surprising is the reduction in the consumption of ham. One establishment in Calgary reports only 57 pounds of ham served in October, 1917, as against 677 pounds in the corresponding month of last year. There has, however, been a large increase in the use of pork. Less beef has been served but more lamb and mutton. Returns from Edmonton indicate a large increase in the use of cornmeal, and a substantial decrease in the amount of beef, bacon, ham, and pork served, together with an increased use of poultry and game. The consumption of fish has been nearly doubled.

Reports from representative eating places in British Columbia show a decrease in beef, bacon, and ham, but

CHRISTMAS SONG

To You--Beloved--in the Trenches

Christmas! Is it merry?
 "Smokes and bully-beef!"
 Not one blood red berry
 Not one holly leaf.
 Stockings filled with pleasure
 That a day destroys—
 Boxes crammed with treasure,
 Ah! Trench children's toys!
 "Things" that in the passing
 Bring a ray of light.
 "Joy!" with death appalling
 All this Christmas night.
 "Stories!" Yes, and "Laughter!"
 And the heart held high;
 Silence following after
 And the soul's still cry.
 Yet another feast day
 In the mud of France—
 "Hearts," we can at least say,
 "Onward goes the dance."
 "There is no cessation
 To this small affair.
 On with war's vocation
 In the hell fire's flare."

It is truly spoken,
 With the one word more,
 We have found a token
 By hell's open door.
 Through Death's crimson gateway
 We have seen a sign,
 That has made this Birthday
 Still a night divine.
 Through the first sweet silence,
 Darkness close and near,
 Has disarmed hell's violence—
 Night has whispered clear.
 "Though all earth be broken
 Two things live above,
 These—God's ancient token—
 Quiet stars—and I love.
 "Stars for life's last reaping,
 Stars in heaven's bright dome,
 Love for your safe keeping
 Love to lead you home."
 From "The New Joan," by Katherine Hale.

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a considerable increase in the amount of pork.

Winnipeg returns show a saving in white flour, beef, bacon, and ham. The consumption of pork is almost stationary, while more fish, poultry, and game are being used. One Winnipeg establishment reports its consumption of beef, bacon and ham reduced from 425, 407, and 555 pounds, respectively, to 1,338, 124, and 63 pounds respectively. This same establishment used 392 pounds of cornmeal in October, 1917, as compared with only 46 pounds in the same month last year. The consumption of oatmeal was little changed, and unfortunately, there was considerable increase in the amount of wheat meal used.

Figures from Fredericton, N.B., are only approximate. They show a decrease of 15 per cent in the consumption of beef, 30 per cent in the consumption of ham, and about 10 per cent in the consumption of bacon. Use of cornmeal has increased.

From Halifax comes splendid reports of decreased consumption of white flour, beef, bacon, ham, pork, and an increased use of fish.

Figures from Ottawa indicate a reduction of more than 20 per cent in the consumption of beef and bacon, with an even larger reduction in the use of ham. Any increase of well over 40 per cent in the use of fish is reported. More meat on oatmeal is being used than a year ago, and also more cornmeal.

Returns from Toronto show that the consumption of beef, in the public eating places from whom returns have been received, has been reduced to less than half. A saving in bacon is also reported, but perhaps the most remarkable feature of the returns is the curtailment in the use of white flour, amounting to more than 40 per cent. This average, of course, will not apply to all the eating places in Toronto, but it does show a tendency on the part of the hotel and restaurant proprietors to increase the use of substitutes for white bread. There

THE YULETIDE LOG

Christmas eve is the time to put the Yule log on the fire. In old times it was the custom to bring it into the house with great ceremony and merriment.

The Yule log is always lighted with a brand of the last year's log, which was carefully preserved for the purpose. The burning of the log had the effect of purifying the house of evil spirits. It must be lighted therefore, with clean hands.

With the Yule log went the Christmas candles, which were lighted at the same time and placed wreathed with evergreen, in the most conspicuous portion of the room. In Catholic times the candles were often of three branches, signifying the Trinity.

HERE IS A STORE FULL OF SPLENDID CHRISTMAS GIFTS

TO MAKE this store decidedly the best place to get Christmas Gifts, we have studied, planned and worked for months past. Now everything is in readiness, and we can say with pride that here is a holiday display that no one will want to miss, and such sure-to-please Gifts as are here displayed for every member of the family should make this

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Any goods which you wish to select now will be gladly held for you until Christmas week if you desire. By making your selection now you will have great choice, but our stock will be kept complete right up till Christmas, as we will add to all lines from which we sell—Keep us in mind.

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Editor and Proprietor.

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THE RESULT.

Loyal Canada has spoken and today we can hold our heads high and look our enemies in the face.

Loyal Liberals as well as loyal Conservatives, loyal citizens of all races and creeds in this broad Dominion have shown that they understand the great issue at stake in this campaign. There was but one issue, and let it be shouted in clarion tones from one end of this vast country to the other, the people show by their votes that they have understood that issue, namely, love and honor, and fidelity to our brave boys who are fighting our battles for us thousands of miles away, that we may have peace and happiness at home this blessed Christmas.

There is no message we could think of in our highest flights of imagination that will thrill our boys in the trenches as this message will thrill them, namely, that Canada is true to them, and in being true to them she is true to herself.

We have not broken faith with those who died for us.

DR. CLARK'S LAST MEETING.

Dr. Michael Clark's meeting Friday night was the crowning meeting of the campaign. Never did the doctor speak more eloquently, more forcibly, more powerfully, more logically, and yet with more gentleness than at that meeting. The packed hall was swayed with one great impulse to cheer and applaud. He played on the strings of the hearts of his hearers as a master plays on the harp. He gently touched the strings and the hearts of his hearers vibrated with the touch. There was that one predominant sentiment, namely, our boys in the trenches. Nothing else mattered. The doctor, with his own boys there, has suffered, and he knew his message. When Major Lowery spoke here last week he said there were soldiers who spoke against Hon. R. L. Borden and others spoke against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but every soldier stood up for Dr. Clark. For this very reason Dr. Clark has been one of the most hated men in Canada by the machine. He dared to stand up alone for the glorious integrity of Canada at Winnipeg, and he was howled down by an infuriated mob.

Dr. Clark is now gloriously vindicated, and he has his revenge full and complete.

And in passing we wish to draw attention to one other matter which will stand repeating and that is the fact that F. W. Galbraith seemed to stand alone for Dr. Clark's respected number at Winnipeg. At that time hundreds of former friends who had thought him rather shaky admired his courage and determination to stand by Dr. Clark to the end, and he rose in their estimation as a man who, suddenly caught in a very tight corner, faced the issue squarely and fearlessly, if alone.

It now transpires that Brother Galbraith had lots of real good company, but it did not look like it at the time. Who will ever be able to tell what effect his example had on the people of this district? All honor to him and to the splendid Liberals and Conservatives in this riding who have sunk their political differences and risen above party and joined hands in

electing handsomely, one of the most patriotic of our loyal citizens, and a man who has done inestimable work for the Empire and the great cause we all have at heart, namely the determination to stay in this great war to the last ditch.

CHRISTMAS THE SAME AS EVER.

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be. . . . Never heed such dismal reminiscences. . . . Collect upon your present blessings. . . . Of which every man has many; not in your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. . . . Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your new year a happy one.

"THE GODSAKERS OF CANADA."

It was Wells, says Maclean's Magazine, who invented the term "Godsakers" to apply to that numerous and useless class who rail at everything and demand with righteous heat, "For God's sake, why doesn't someone do something about it?" The trouble with the Godsakers is that he never sees that he ought to do something about it himself.

There are Godsakers aplenty in Canada today. They demand to know why the Government doesn't do this, and why Lloyd George doesn't do that, and they yell over about Russia, they strip the last shred of self-respect from the Food Controller, and they lay everyone in authority. What do they do themselves? They eat three big meals a day. They treat their sleek, comfortable bodies to every luxury. They refuse to save, to conserve, to economize. That is for someone else to do. They stick to their peanut politics and their meaty little business jealousies, and squeal when authority pinches the least of their petty privileges. In fact, they do nothing.

They might right down to cases, this war can be won only by individual effort. The government cannot do it all. The government is made up of about twenty men who are just flesh and blood after all, with all the human limitations and without any degree of clairvoyance or omniscience—just able, everyday men endeavoring to lead a couple of million other men somewhat less able than the average. Leadership, much better leadership even than we have had so far, will not accomplish much unless the people do their share individually, unless they are prepared to forget rights and remember only duties.

There are more Godsakers than workers in Canada at present. When the balance shifts we shall see results. In the meantime, which are you?

There is a nice opening for a bright little lawyer out at Kussman.

The Edmonton Bulletin said Saturday, "Canada will stay in the war to the finish." You bet your life, old boy.

The Hon. Frank Oliver on Saturday said, "The Borden Government is guilty of the blood of the men who died at Zillebeke," and then the people rose up on Monday and smote him in their indignation, and he didn't get all that was coming to him either.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has announced arrangements for holiday fares for Christmas and New Years. Tickets will be on sale at far and one-third for the round trip from December 22nd to 25th and from December 29th to January 1st. All tickets, whether sold for Christmas or New Years will be good to return up to January 1st.

SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL IS DEAD AT THE AGE OF NINETY-FOUR

FIFTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE WAS SPENT IN THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE.

FORMER PREMIER OF DOMINION

Belleville, Dec. 11.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the "Grand Old Man" of Canada, died at his home here at 7:40 last evening, after a week's illness, during which the end was monetarily expected. Although in his eightieth year, his general health had remained good and his mental activity unimpaired until very recently. His eldest son, Collector J. M. Bowell, of H.M.'s Customs, Vancouver, arrived in time to join the family circle at his father's deathbed prior to the passing of the venerable Parliamentarian and publicist.

A career of unprecedented activity in his country's cause extending over three-fourths of a century was closed with the death of Lieut.-Col. Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K.C.M.G., P.C., one-time Prime Minister of Canada, a notable figure in national parliamentary affairs for the greater portion of his eventful life, pioneer and past leader of Dominion Orangemen, and dean of Canadian Journalism. Sir Mackenzie showed the caliber of man he was when at the "not too old to fight for the empire again," he offered as one of the first volunteers for Col. McDougall's Forestry battalion. He was an old soldier, he said—but not too old. He had seen service on the frontier during the troublous period of 1845-5, and during the Fenian raid of 1866, winning his way up by promotion stages to the colonelcy of the 4th Battalion.

Not least among the many distinctions enjoyed by Sir Mackenzie was that of ranking as the oldest working newspaperman in Canada, and so far as is known, of the world. He remained in harness until the end. The Belleville "Intelligencer" during the present campaign publishing articles in support of the Dominion cause, and numerous editorials bearing the impress of his venerable editor's style and personality.

SPOKE AGAINST RECIPROCITY.
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So vigorous was Sir Mackenzie that he made many speeches in opposition to the reciprocity agreement and up to quite recently he attended and spoke at public functions in various parts of the country.

MEMBER FOR 25 YEARS.

At the first general election for the House of Commons after Confederation, Mackenzie Bowell was elected for North Hastings and continued to represent this riding for twenty-five years, when he was called the Senate. On the return of the Conservative party to power in 1878, he entered Sir John Macdonald's Cabinet as Minister of Customs, holding that portfolio for thirteen years. During that period the "N.P." was developed, and it fell to his lot to carry the new system into operation. Under Sir John Abbott, he was Minister of Militia, and under Sir John Thompson, Minister of Trade and Commerce. On the death of the last named statesman, Sir Mackenzie formed an administration which lasted till 1896, when he was succeeded by Sir Charles Tupper. As Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir Mackenzie went on a mission to Australia in 1893, one of the results of which was the meeting of the Colonial Conference in Ottawa in 1894. Sir Mackenzie was made K.C.M.G. in 1895. He was elected leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Senate, August 25, 1896.

HALIFAX ELECTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 28

OWING TO RECENT DISASTER IT WAS FOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD ELECTION.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Polling at Halifax will be held on January 28, the same date as polling in the Yukon. Announcement of this effect is contained in an official statement issued tonight as follows:

"The recent disaster at Halifax has made it impossible to hold an election in that city on the 17th inst., as the calamity which has befallen that city is directly traceable to the war, the governor-general-in-council has jurisdiction under the war measures act to take action in the premises. Accordingly an order has been issued to postpone the polling day in Halifax to Monday, January 28. The returning officer for Halifax has been notified accordingly."

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The News.

Somewhere in France, November 22, 1917.

Sir—This is rather a difficult task I have set myself to do, because I am a very poor hand at writing a letter, and I want you to give me a little space in your paper. What I want to do is to have a knock at those "I didn't rate my own life as a soldier" people.

I am 100 years, Sgt. W. W. Ireland, D. Company, 13th Battalion Royal Highlanders of Canada, of Red Deer, My wife and five children live in Red Deer now. I am the only man in my Battalion at present from Red Deer, and I want you to give me a little space in your paper. What I want to do is to have a knock at those "I didn't rate my own life as a soldier" people.

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RED DEER FARMERS ARE EXEMPTED
Judge Simmons sat at Red Deer on Thursday and disposed of over sixty appeals from the local exemption trials held under the Military Service Act in this district. Those judged necessary for food production had their appeals granted. The judge sat again on Saturday at 11 a.m. He is covering he appeals from Red Deer, Delburne, toasty Mountain House, Lacombe and the remaining farmers:

Cleaver, F. J. Kerestrom, N. E. Croquist, D. Loose, E. Archibald, D. R. Beattie, J. P. Peacock, F. Gummow, R. A. Gummow, L. Lindholm, P. O. Kincaid, L. Braithwaite, C. R. McInnes, J. S. Knier, J. P. Knierman, N. E. H. J. Sveinsson, J. S. Jacobson, J. H. Rasmussen, A. T. Stogson, W. S. Walker, D. L. Wiggin, P. C. Phillips, J. A. Tolmie, L. Anderson, A. G. Weber, H. C. Jr. Johnson, A. Jensen, G. O. Martin, J. A. McKaig, Bryant Johnson, A. E. Johnson, J. A. Abbott, J. A. Kim, A. O'Connor, J. Haven, F. Lepisto, J. C. McDonald, J. C. Damstead.

Marsh, J. T. B2 Jacobson, H. B2 Pitkanen, K. A. B2 Sundell, J. A. E Cases will be heard when men in Medical Categories are called out. Damaged altogether: Holmes, L. B. Pomerleau, D. McKenzie, D. S. Thatcher, Donald Benson, W. E. (allowed until March 10th, 1918). Tensdale, John (allowed until April 10th, 1918). Witt, Tipton (allowed on domestic grounds while he stays at home and supports his father).

At the Saturday sitting the most of the appeals were from Lacombe and Innisfail. The only local appellant was Donald Thatcher, who appeared in person and had his appeal allowed.

SLAV COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ORDERS ARMIES TO QUIT.

London, Dec. 16.—A Russian government wireless message received here says:

"Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the army, in a proclamation addressed to all the army commanders on all the fronts and the military commissary commissaries, announced that in consequence of the signing of the armistice, which begins December 17, I propose, until receiving the full text of the treaty, to cease all military operations."

Medicine Hat, Dec. 14.—Mr. James Weir suffered the fate of having his face punched for insulting English veterans at a meeting in the 22nd Hall here tonight. He was billed as one of the speakers to address a meeting in the interests of the Laurier candidate, C. B. Reilly, and in the course of his speech he was heckled rather severely and lost his temper. He retorted that judging by the accent of the questioner he was evidently of low origin and had perhaps come over from Whitechapel in the steerage.

Pte. H. Catlin, a veteran, who is home as a victim of shell shock, and who has the reputation of being a quiet and inoffensive citizen, rose and asked Mr. Weir to return to the front to meet the offensive statement. Mr. Weir refused and Pte. Catlin invaded the platform and punched Mr. Weir twice. Mr. Weir accepted the chastisement.

ROCKY MT. HOUSE

Some cold snap, eh! Wednesday morning 28 below, Thursday 42. Oh, where's my last summer's wages?

There promises to be lots of bush work here this winter. Mr. McDougall of High River, is starting operations with ten head of horses. We understand he has gone south for another load of hay and also has two cars of machinery here.

Smith Bros. are also busy in their limit north of town. Cunningham's mill will be moved on to the limit, and the mill will be in operation by Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

His Honor Judge Mahaffy held a sitting of the District Court here, the first part of this week.

Business is booming in Rocky Mountain House.

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Mrs. Parham of Mountain House, has purchased the Harold Park Farm. She is now moving on to the place in her new future.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!
Local Improvement District 339

The attention of the Ratepayers of the above District who have not paid or worked out their taxes, is drawn to an amendment to the LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ACT, whereby the provisions of sections 303 to 320, both inclusive, of the RURAL MUNICIPALITY ACT, as to distress for taxes and proceedings for forfeiture of lands for non-payment of taxes, shall apply to lands under the LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ACT.

These sections are to take to be given in full, but the following is an outline as to forfeiture of lands for non-payment of taxes, and the Council intends to take full advantage of its new powers to collect all outstanding taxes.

All lands against which there are any arrears of taxes will be placed on a "TAX ENFORCEMENT RETURN" during January; this return, when audited, is submitted to a Judge of the District Court for confirmation.

When the "TAX ENFORCEMENT RETURN" is confirmed by the Judge, and registered in the office of Land Registration District, the ownership of lands on the return is vested in the Local Improvement District, free from all liens and encumbrances.

If after ONE YEAR, the taxes, costs, expenses, etc., against the lands have not been paid, it becomes the absolute property of the Local Improvement District, and subject to the approval of the Minister, may be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of by the Council on such terms and conditions as it may fix.

For the purpose of giving information with regard to this new law, and for the receiving of taxes, paying wages and accounts, and the transaction of Local Improvement District business generally, I will be at my office, Room 3 upstairs, T. A. Gaetz Block, 28 Ross Street, Red Deer, daily (Sundays and holidays excepted), until further notice.

J. W. HEY,

Secretary-Treasurer Local Improvement District 339.
Room 3, upstairs, T. A. Gaetz Block, Red Deer.

WOOD & WALKER, Penhold
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New Season Fruits, etc., for Xmas Cakes and

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Currents, recombined, in bulk and packets.

Raisins, Muscatels and Sultanas.

Raisins, Seeded and Seedless, in packets.

Peas, Grange Lemon, and Citron.

Spices and Flavorings.

Iceing and Brown Sugar.

Minceau, Shelled Almonds, and Walnuts.

Cocoanut and Unsweetened Chocolate.

Fruits for the Table.

Apples, B.C. No. 1 and 2, Wagner's and Grimes Golden.

Grapes, Emperor Tokays.

Pigs and Table Raisins and Dates.

Oranges, Bananas, and Grape Fruit.

CHILDREN'S PRESENTS.

Toys, Games and Books.

Flash Lights, Mouth Organs.

Brownie Cameras, Watches, Handkerchiefs.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

"Rome was not built in a day"

Neither did our Hardware Store open on August the first a complete proposition, but like a good healthy child it is steadily growing into a sturdy youngster with a good disposition. Every week it gains strength from new lines added to the already fairly complete stock.

With increased knowledge of local requirements the service is improving correspondingly, and the store's progress is very satisfactory.

"PYREX" Transparent Oven Ware

Will be doubly appreciated as a Christmas Gift because it is not only attractive and unique, but it is equally useful and serviceable and is

GUARANTEED NOT TO BREAK IN ACTUAL OVEN USE
We have PYREX Pudding Dishes, Cake Plates, Pie Plates, Bake Dishes, Casseroles, at Prices within the range of every pocket book
\$1.10 to \$2.75

Come and see PYREX OVEN WARE

Electrical Appliances

The very nature of Electrical Heating Devices makes them appropriate as gifts at Christmas Time. We carry "HOT POINT ELECTRICAL GOODS," which assures you of getting the best

HOT POINT ELECTRIC IRONS, \$5.50. Guaranteed for 5 years.
HOT POINT RADIANT GRILL, three heats, low, medium, and high. Suitable for cooking, baking, toasting bread, making waffles, popping corn, etc. **Hot Point Price \$8.50**
HOT POINT ELECTRIC TOASTER, suitable for toasting or cooking. **Hot Point Price \$4.95**

ALL GUARANTEED.

Roasters

Don't forget your roaster for the Christmas Turkey. Our past experience has taught us that early buying is advisable, as owing to the big rush during the last two weeks before Christmas stocks of Roasters are soon depleted. At present we are showing a good assortment at various prices.

A CHEERFUL HOME

Made Warm and Comfortable by a **BONNY OAK HEATER** **FOR \$8.50,** will be appreciated throughout the entire winter.

Vegetable Down Filled Comforters

Covered with Dainty Silkline of Smooth Soft finish, washable, and quilted, 72 by 72 inches **\$4.25 to \$12.50**
60 by 72 inches **\$3.75**

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(This exchange privilege does not extend to gloves purchased elsewhere.

\$2.00 and \$2.50

A late purchase of

NOVELTY NECKWEAR

for Women arrives just in the nick of time. The last minute styles
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STORE EXTENDS TO YOU AND YOURS

A Merry Xmas

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SO MANY OF OUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES.

THE CHILDREN LIKE OUR TOYS

Scores of Boys and Girls visit our Second Floor daily to admire the Toy Stock in a general way, and it is indeed interesting to watch the diversity of tastes of these children, expressed in their admiration of the toys of their choice.

THE SELECTION IS MORE EXTENSIVE THAN EVER BEFORE, for this section has become an all-the-year department of the Store, receiving special attention, and the Prices are very much lower than formerly.

DOLLS OF ALMOST EVERY KIND, 25c to \$3.00.

MECHANICAL TOYS, ENGINES, TRAINS, BUILDING SETS, MECANNO, AEROPLANES, SUBMARINES, JUVENILE FURNITURE, SHOO FLY ROCKERS, COASTERS, GAMES, BOARD GAMES, BLOCKS, BOOKS, and all the many novelties which compute a Stock of Toys to please everybody.

CAMISOLES and BOUDOIR CAPS

In the most attractive materials and styles yet shown in this store. To see them is to want them and you cannot make a mistake in selection.

CAMISOLES at	\$1.25
	1.95
	2.50
BOUDOIR CAPS at	65c.
	85c.
	\$1.00
	1.35

THIS STORE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY

for the convenience of those who
cannot make their purchases during
the day.

W. E. LORD CO., LTD.

Men's Nice New Ties in Fancy Boxes

Just in Time for Christmas in the Newest Stripe Silks with large flowing ends. **75c, \$1.00, and \$1.25.**

Dressy Caps for Men

Comfort, Style, and Service are embodied in the Eastern Line, which is in a class by itself. These are made with Fur Bands, Kling Klose Bands, and without Bands. Sizes 6¾ to 7¾. **\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.**

JAEGAR CAPS, \$2.75, \$3.25.

PERRIN'S GLOVES FOR MEN

A good sized parcel of Perrins' Gloves for Men came along yesterday, and saved the situation.

Mocha Lined Gloves	\$2.00 to 2.75
Cape Lined Gloves	\$2.00 to 2.50
Mocha Lined Mitts	\$2.00 to 2.50
Cape Unlined	\$1.50
Dress Gloves for Evening Wear	at 75c \$1.00 and \$1.25
Fur Lined Mocha Mitts	\$4.50

Unplucked Beaver Extra Quality Coat \$275.00

Racoon Coats

OF HIGH GRADE SKINS AWAIT YOUR APPROVAL
at \$165.00 and \$195.00

Men's Cloth Overcoats

ARE HERE IN FULL RANGES OF LATE MODELS
\$18.00 to \$28.00

LADIES' COATS

In Smart Styles and Popular Prices still offer a good selection in Tweeds, Plain Cloths, Velours, **\$12.50 to \$65.00.**

Leather Hand Bags at Less Than Usual

AT LESS THAN USUAL. Genuine Leather Bags in Colors and Black in popular Styles and Correct Sizes. Just the most useful present for a woman. Because of our having too many for this short Christmas Season we offer ¼ off the price. **\$7.50 for \$5.55, \$6.00 for \$4.50, \$3.00 for \$2.25, \$2.00 for \$1.50**

A lot of Smart Waists Awaits Your Approval

Cannot go astray in giving her a waist from our Stock.
\$3.95 to \$10.50

FANCY TOWELS

ARE PRACTICAL PRESENTS. We have an unusually large range of new designs in splendid quality. **Prices up to \$1.25.**

NEW RAT COATS for Women

Just received a new stock of well selected fully furred garments in all sizes

\$75.00 to 165.00

A Christmas Offering



Fine Harness,
Whips, Robes,
Blankets, Etc.

should interest you.
if you decide to remem-
ber some horse-
owning relative or
friend.

We are making such
an exhibit, and shall
be glad to have you
take a look at them.
It contains gift sug-
gestions of practical
value, bound to be
appreciated.

Anyone who drives
will welcome the
comfort of a foot
warmer. Let us show

The Jarvis-Goodey Harness Co., Ltd.

PHONE 40.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

"GO EAST"

Excursion tickets to Eastern Canada, also the principal cities in the United States, on sale daily during the month of December.

Final Return Limit—Three Months from date of issue

VANCOUVER, VICTORIA or NEW WESTMINSTER

Tickets on sale Dec. 2nd to 8th, Jan. 6th to 12th, Feb. 3rd to 9th.
Final Return Limit—April 30th, 1918

Travel by "THE WORLD'S GREATEST HIGHWAY"
Two Trans-Continental Trains—Daily

Tickets and full information from any C.P.R. Agent
R. DAWSON, District Passenger Agent, Calgary, Alta.

Gift Suggestions

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.
USEFUL, PLEASING, AND LASTING.

LOOK OVER THIS LIST—

TEA TRAYS
FOLDING SERVICE WAGONS
BOOK RACKS
MORRIS CHAIRS
MAGAZINE STANDS
COUCHES
CARD TABLES
SEWING ROCKERS
BOOK CASES
EASY CHAIRS
CABINETS
DRESSING TABLES
LIBRARY TABLES
CHEFFONNIERS
CHINA CABINETS
JARDINIER STANDS
BUFFETS
TABOURETTES
EXTENSION TABLES

WRITING DESKS
COSTUMIERS
MUSIC CABINETS
VACUUM SWEEPERS
UMBRELLA STANDS
BATHROOM MIRRORS
FRAMED PICTURES
BATHROOM FIXTURES
CONGOLEUM RUGS
HANGING LAMPS
DIVANETTES
SEWING MACHINES
CRIBS AND CRADLES
ROCKERS
MEDICINE CABINETS
NEW STYLE WOOD BEDS
FELT MATTRESSES
ODD PIECES OF CHINA
AND MANY OTHERS

FOR THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TOY SETS, TABLE AND CHAIRS, ROCKING HORSES,
ROWING WAGONS, AUTOMOBILES, EXPRESS WAGONS, SLEIGH
HORSE HORSES, DOLL CARRIAGES, CHILDREN'S DESK AND
CHAIR SETS, HIGH CHAIRS, ROCKERS, GO-CARTS, BASSINETS.

WE ARE SHOWING AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE LOT OF SMALL
FRAMED PICTURES AT 10c, 15c, and 25c, WHICH ARE REALLY
WORTH TWICE THE PRICE.

IT IS ADVISABLE TO MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY AS THE
QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED. A SMALL DEPOSIT WILL HOLD
ANY ARTICLE FOR YOU AND WE WILL DELIVER IT FOR YOU
AT A LATER DATE.

Best Furniture Co., Ltd.

THE HOME OF SERVICEABLE GIFTS

51, First St. South

Red Deer.

MOUNT ROYAL MATERNITY HOME
will be open to receive patients
after November 15th, by the week
or month. Terms reasonable.
Phone 273. P. O. Box 136.

ANTI-FREEZE FOR AUTOMOBILES

Call on JOHN ARCHER, opposite
the Ford Salesroom, Gaetz Ave., N.,
and have Anti-Freeze put in your radi-
ator. It won't freeze, won't boil as
quickly as water.

POULTRY WANTED

By December 18th, 1917, I must get
6,000 of Live and Dressed Poultry,
consisting of Turkeys, Geese, Ducks,
Chickens, and Fowl, for which I will
pay the

HIGHEST CASH PRICE

Call at the old stand and get my
prices, or during the day phone No.
4, or in the evening phone No. 136.
Get your poultry on the market while
the getting is good.

G. W. BALL.

FEED BARN

Prompt Attention—Quick Service

Dry Wood For Sale

\$2, \$2.50, \$3.00 a Rick.

Cash must accompany all orders

GEO. CHAPMAN - Prop

Block south of P.O. Phone 122

WINDSOR HOTEL

RE-OPENED.

Having leased the above Hotel I ask
for a share of public patronage.

ALL WHITE HELP.
MEALS 35c.
ROOMS 50c and up.
Farmers' Trade Solicited.

R. D. DUNSMORE,

Proprietor Nov. 7-11

NOTICE

Having taken over the agency for
the Spirella Corset and Brassieres, I
will be pleased to supply to all old
and new customers these goods. Any
lady wishing orders taken right away
kindly write to P.O. Box 643, or 143,
Fourth Street. Ladies from the coun-
try will find me each Saturday after-
noon at my Room, No. 2, upstairs, in
the News Block.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. CLUTTERBUCK,
Nov. 7-11

L.I.D. 371.

WARNING TO LAND OWNERS.

Change was made by the last Pro-
vincial Legislature in the Local Im-
provement Act, whereby all lands in
arrears of taxes due Local Improve-
ment District will be placed on a "Tax
Enforcement Return" during the
month of January and later sold for
Taxes.

WILL YOUR LAND BE SOLD?

We suggest that you look the mat-
ter up and if you owe the Local Im-
provement District 371, pay it off be-
fore December 31st, 1917. If you are
not sure as to the amount due, mail
me a postcard, giving the location of
your land, and I will furnish you with
a statement of your Local Improve-
ment Taxes due.

Dated at Sylvan Lake,
This 10th day of December, 1917.

E. S. GRIMSON,
Secretary-Treasurer, L.I.D. 371.
Dec. 12-3

ARRESTED AS A GERMAN SPY

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 13.—John Johan-
sen, helmsman of the Norwegian
steamer *Mont Blanc*, the Belgian relief ship,
whose collision with the ammunition
steamer *Mont Blanc* led to the disaster
of last Thursday, was detained here
as a German spy suspect today. He
was turned over to the military auth-
orities by officials of the mass relief
hospital, where he has been under
treatment.

ACTED QUEERLY.

One of the nurses at the hospital, a
young woman from New York, whose
name was not revealed, is said to have
called the attention of the hospital
staff to Johansen yesterday. She
noticed that the man was acting
queerly, and that he did not seem to
be wounded. Her report resulted in
a second examination, and the con-
clusion was reached that the man was
suffering from insanity.

A watch was set over him, and later
it was said that Johansen was making
desperate efforts to leave the insti-
tution. Surgeons reported that he had
offered a nurse \$50 if she would get
out and buy him a newspaper, the
assumption being that he had in mind
an attempt to escape in her absence.

PLACED UNDER GUARD.

After that incident a military guard
was placed on duty by his bed, and
later when the incident was called to
the attention of Capt. Henry G. Lap-
ham, of the Massachusetts state guard
the provost guard was sent for and
Johansen was locked up.

In connection with the arrest the
liveliest lot of spy rumors heard here
since the war broke out was spread
broadcast. These culminated in a re-
port that eight Germans had been
shot at sunrise. Military and naval
authorities, while acknowledging that
Johansen was being thoroughly in-
vestigated, declared that the other
stories were absurd. Another per-
sistent report was that a secret code
in German had been found on Johan-
sen, and that a wireless station had
been unearthed in the district de-
stroyed by the fire after the explosion.

WANT SOLDIERS' PHOTOS

The Returned Veterans Association is
collecting the photos of officers and
men who have enlisted from this dis-
trict, with a view of having them put
up in their new hall rooms. Mr. Geo.
Mr. Patterson, or any of the officers,
would be glad to receive these photos,
or they could be left at the Advocate
office. The full name of the soldier
with his original unit, and his last or
present unit, is also desired. The
Geo-Corsett Co. have presented the
boys with an enlarged picture of the
187th.

WHAT SORT OF SHELTER

SHALL I PROVIDE

FOR STOCK

(Experimental Farms Note.)

The question of suitable shelter for
stock during the winter is important
from the double standpoint of cash
expenditure for such shelter, and the
effect of shelter, if any, in securing
larger gains on stock for feed con-
sumed.

Where attempts are made in this
western country to provide shelter for
all classes of stock, the money ex-
pended in buildings totals a consider-
able amount, and is withdrawn from
the capital available for turnover in
the stock itself. Whether or not such
shelter is a question asked by every
beginner, and one which, if possible
to answer it in the negative, will make
it much easier for many people to be-
gin operations on a considerable scale
with live stock.

For several years horses, particularly
the idle work horses, have been
wintered in the open at the Lacombe
Experimental station. Certain seasons
these horses have had access to
straw stacks, and the run of pasture
which had not been closely eaten the
previous season. In every such case
the horses have done remarkably
well, in most cases coming in
carrying more weight than when turned
out in the fall. In the winter of
1911-12 all the horses made gains in
weight, some increasing as much as
seventy pounds during the coldest
months. It is necessary to see that
water is accessible, and that salt is
provided at regular intervals. The
usual charge made by those who take
horses for wintering in this way is
one dollar per head per month, with
salt provided by the owner of the
horses.

Even where it is not possible to
provide for the wintering of horses in
this manner, it has been demon-
strated that horses will come through
in better condition by wintering in
the open on the home farm, sheltered by
a bluff or corral fence, than if kept in
the stable continuously or even during
the night only. With prairie hay
valued at \$5 per ton, and grain at
one cent per pound, the cost of win-
tering during one of the most extreme
winters that are being experienced in
the Lacombe district has been 11.47
cents per day per horse. Every horse
included in this test made an increase
of weight and went into the spring
work with more vigor and life than
those few horses which were kept in
the stable and worked lightly during
the winter.

Experiments have also been con-
ducted at Lacombe to determine the
relative economy of gains as between
steers fed for beef in the open, sheltered
by a corral fence, and in comfort-
able barns. The average results
of these tests for two years indicate
a saving in the feed cost of producing
beef of \$2.84 per head in favour of
outside feeding. This figure does not
take into consideration the extra man-
power involved in inside feeding, nor
the interest on the money invested in
buildings.

Nature provides beef cattle in this
country with a heavy under-coat and
since the climate is not moist, cattle
are able to stand the colder temper-
atures in the open better than the
warm, moist air of the barns, no mat-
ter how well ventilated. Cattle are
lively and restless for a month to six
weeks after first being stalled, where-
as in the open they continue to thrive
from the beginning.

Feed is economized by feed racks
which hold a load of hay a time.
These feed racks are six feet wide
by thirty-two feet long, posts seven
feet apart. A two by six inch string-
er on its edge is run along the cen-
tre of the rack 22 inches from the
ground. This stringer carries the
bottom of the two inch by two inch
pieces which form the sides of the
rack, and which are placed on six
inch centres. The upper ends of the
two inch by two inch are fastened to
the centre, two inch by six inch, which
forms part of the upper side of the
rack. One of these racks will hold
1½ to 1½ tons of hay. Grain tables
about three feet high and thirty-
six inches in width with a two
inch by six inch piece bevelled and
sloping outward to form the sides will
be found most satisfactory for the
feeding of chop. These wide, low
tables permit of the cattle feeding
from both sides and if the stock are
dehorned there is little danger of
fighting for grain.

It is advisable to bed the corrals
thoroughly. Labour is economized by
being able to clean the corrals at one
time in the spring or summer when
the rush of work is not so great as
at other seasons of the year. Hay to be
being able to feed sufficient hay at
one time to last for days, provided the
rack accommodation is sufficient. The
efficiency per man for the feeding of
cattle in the open is many times that
utilized as compared with his capacity
for feeding inside.

After some years' experience in the
handling of sheep, it has been thor-
oughly proven that an open shed, facing
to the south and opening into a
corral fenced with a six to seven foot
board fence, is the best shelter pos-
sible. If the shed is shingled it
will also prove serviceable and satis-
factory at lambing time, particularly
if the lambs do not arrive until the
middle of April.

The "A" type of cabin for winter-
ing has been used at Lacombe
both for fattening and breeding ex-
periments for the past three years, with
excellent results. No molature collects on

MARY OF BETHLEHEM

I did not think to stray so far from
home!
But since we came I know He wished
me so to roam.
I did not think to lay Him in a manger
chill;
But since 'tis done I know it is His
Holy will.
I did not think to see the rough kine
at His head;
But since they watch I know He loves
them near His bed.
Not any dream, forsooth, that made
my long delight,
Comes true with mystic power upon
this wondrous night.
Save one alone—the Word at last
made flesh for me;
But since He lives, my Son, what other
joy may be!

SNOW IS FALLING IN MOUNTAINS ON ITALIAN FRONT

ADDS TO OPTIMISM OF THOSE
WHO BELIEVE DRIVE WILL
BE CHECKED.

With the French armies in Italy,
Dec. 12.—Snow, which has been cas-
ually awaited and long delayed, began
to fall this morning in the mountain
regions where the Austro-German
armies are striving to break through.
The beginning of the snow fall adds
to the optimism of those who have
been confident that the drive would
be checked within its present limits.
The first American shot against
Austria was fired by Representative
Tinkham of Boston on the Lower
Piave, when Mr. Tinkham pulled a
string firing a large 149 millimeter gun
sending a shell hurtling across the
Piave to the Austrian positions at
Gonzo.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The enemy has re-
sumed the attack. Today's official
statement says that the Italians re-
sistably yesterday throughout
the day and that a few positions
which were abandoned in the begin-
ning of the fighting were recaptured
in nearly all cases. In the evening
the enemy effort was reduced to the
normal artillery fire.

SHOCK OF BLAST DISTINCTLY FELT AT CHARLOTTETOWN

CITY 150 MILES AWAY PUT
DISTURBANCE DOWN TO
EARTHQUAKE.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Additional evi-
dence of the violence of the Halifax
explosion is contained in the follow-
ing paragraph from the Island Patriot
of Charlottetown, P.E.I. of Thursday
last, the day of the disaster. Char-
lottetown is approximately one hun-
dred and fifty miles from Halifax in a
direct line:

"About a quarter past nine this
morning the city was subjected to a
shock which, in the absence of any
other explanation, must be set down to
an earthquake. Windows were heard
to rattle without any apparent cause,
and there was no wind to shake the
buildings, it being a perfectly calm
day.

"One of our citizens thought an ex-
plosion had occurred in the furnace
and he rushed down into the cellar to
investigate. From all parts of the
city came reports that a distinct
shock, fortunately not severe, was
felt."

INTENSELY COLD WEATHER PREVAILS ALL OVER PRAIRIES

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Bitter cold
weather is prevalent all over the
prairie. Low temperatures recorded
are forty below zero at Edmonton and
Saskatoon, with thirty-five below at
Regina, and ranging thence to twenty-
four at Calgary and twenty-eight be-
low at Winnipeg. At Vancouver the
thermometer touched the freezing
point. This is an unusually early and
prolonged cold spell for the prairie,
and with a shortage of domestic coal
in eight things threaten to become
acute. Winnipeg feed dealers in many
cases refuse to supply other than their
regular patrons with American anthra-
cite, which is \$12.50 a ton loose, and
fifty cents extra in bags.

the roof of these cabins and not a
single instance of rheumatism has
developed in the large number of
swine so wintered. Extra protection
for winter is provided by placing the
cabins in line within a foot of the
woven wire fence and a foot apart.
The spaces at the north and between
the cabins are then filled with straw,
the straw being up to the top of the
roof of the cabins.

It appears that such shelter is much
more satisfactory, both as to the
health of the hogs, and as to economy
of labor in taking care of them, than
are expensive hog houses.

BRUMPTON & GAETZ LIMITED

CLOTHING SPECIAL

Our clothing special, with a free suit for men,
boys and youths, continues until Xmas Eve. Get
particulars in the Clothing Department. Our values
ordinarily are exceptional, and with this added in-
ducement, you should investigate our offer.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR: We're strong here; one
of our ribbed lines at \$1.50 per garment is a wonder-
ful present day value. Other ribbed lines at 90c. up
to \$2.50 per garment. Union suits, or combinations,
for men and boys, up to \$4.75.

MOCASSINS: We have some native mocassins
just on sale. In children's sizes (from 6 to 11) at
75c. per pair; men's sizes at \$1.50 per pair. We have
no intermediate sizes in this lot—only children's and
men's.

Eastern lines, we have from \$1.00 per pair for In-
fants, right up to \$3.50 for men's.

FELT FOOTWEAR: Already we have a number
of broken lines of Felt Boots and Slippers, in black,
brown, red, sky and navy. These are "red ticketed"
and are displayed on our bargain counter—better
look them over as you may find something that would
make a nice Xmas present and get a discount of from
30 per cent. to 50 per cent. on your purchase.

TOQUES: Here's something else on the bargain
counter. We are clearing out some broken lines—
we feel that we might better cut the prices to pieces
now while they are seasonable than carry them un-
til the season is about over—so here they go; from
25c. up. There are some very fine ones here, but
they must all be cleaned out now that we have put
the knife in.

\$2.00 MEN'S CAPS FOR \$1.35. They were bought
right and will be sold right. The price we have on
them is less than the manufacturers. Mail orders
filled same day as received and postage free. Don't
forget to mention your size when ordering.

**HEAVY ONE BUCKLE ARTIC SNOW EXCLUD-
ERS for Men, Boys' and Youths'.** Strong wear,
resisting, heavily lined overshoes priced at \$2.50, \$2.00
and \$1.65, according to size. Other lines, in Men's
only, at \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.25 and \$5.00. Postage free
to mail orders.

MEN'S HEAVY GUM RUBBERS, in sizes 6 to 11,
in laced and buckled, at \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50
and \$4.00 per pair. Mail orders solicited, and no
charge for postage.

DELINEATORS FOR JANUARY are now in.
Where can you get as much good literature for 15c.
as in a Delineator? If you are not a reader of this
magazine, we would like for you to buy one now.
You will agree with us that it is a wonderful maga-
zine for the money.

HANDKERCHIEFS: Hundreds of dozens to select
from. They were bought with a view to Xmas gifts
and comprise some of the daintiest lines shown in
the trade this season. Prices from 5c. to \$1.00 each,
and all worth the money.

WOMEN'S LACED AND BUTTONED BOOTS.
This is the day for useful presents: all the authorities
are preaching thrift and economy. Perhaps we can
be pardoned for suggesting boots for presents. We
have a very nice kid line just in from the manufac-
turer in laced and laced. They are on the newest
lasts, with Cuban heels, moderately priced **\$8.50**
at, per pair

GROCERIES

Have you tried Evaporated Loganberries yet? They
are splendid, and can be had for 35c. per package.
Try a package and be convinced.

A few cases of Lombard Plums at a special price—
2 cans for 25c. Try a few cans with your next order.
Salted Herrings in 20lb. pails for \$2.50 each—food
value considered this is the biggest moneys worth we
know of.

Tuxedo Baking Powder—while it lasts, 16 oz. cans
for 20c.; 2½ lb. cans for 50c.

PHONE 26

Every Ear Recognizes the Tonal Beauty of the Gourlay

Surely and instinctively even the ordinary ear appreciates the outstanding charm, the unassailable purity of tone that enriches every Gourlay.

The beauty of every theme will echo in your heart once you possess yourself of the Gourlay Piano to awaken it.

Vibrant with sweet resonance, the tone of the Gourlay is recognized even by the untrained ear as something indescribably different.

Hear the Gourlay—in its entrancing beauty will convince you.

N. WHITE, AGENT.



L. A. BENNETT
is the man who makes
DRAIN TILE
Increase your crop 30 per cent. by using it.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Agent: J. P. DOVER
Room 3, News Block
P.O. Box 501 Red Deer



SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon, on Friday, the 11th January, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, twice per week each way, over Mirror No. 1 Rural Route, to commence at the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office at Mirror, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

A. W. CAIRNS
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Edmonton, 30th November, 1917.

NOTICE.
To John Henry Hendrickson,
formerly of Rocky Mountain House,
Alberta.

TAKE NOTICE that proceeding under the Land Titles Act has been commenced against you by the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, through their solicitors, Messrs. Payne and Graham, by which the mortgagee claims payment of the sum of \$608.70 with interest at the rate of eight and one-half per cent. per annum from the first day of November A.D. 1917, and the costs of this proceeding, in respect of a mortgage made by yourself covering the North West Quarter of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Thirty-nine (39), Range Six (6), West of the Fifth Meridian, in the Province of Alberta.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the mortgagee will apply for sale of the above said property if the arrears of interest and costs are not paid within two months from the date of the publication of this notice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in case such sale should prove abortive, then the said mortgagee will after such default shall have continued for six months after the time mentioned in said mortgage for payment, make an application to the Registrar for an order foreclosing the interest in the said lands, of you and of all others claiming through or under you.

PAYNE & GRAHAM,
Solicitors for Mortgagees.
Approved: "H. J. DAWSON,"
Registrar.

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Formerly of Leslieville, Alberta.
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Registrar.

ANNUAL MEETING RED DEER FAIR

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FAIR PLANS AND POLICY
Your Committee, having carefully considered the situation in regard to the Fair and its importance to the community, recommends that the progressive policy that has characterized the Fair in later years, be continued, with such changes in the plan as shall make this policy fit in with the changing conditions of the times. To this end we would recommend as follows:

1. That the size of the Directorate be reduced in numbers, and composed of the following: President, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, and 12 Directors to be elected at the annual meeting.
2. That the officers and directors be elected by ballot without nomination, at the said meeting.
3. That our delegates to the Western Canada Fair Association be instructed to hold out for the position we now hold in the W.C.F.A. circuit, between Calgary and Edmonton. And further that we ask for a four day period, the first being taken up in preparation and placing of exhibits.
4. That the placing of exhibits on the first day of the Fair be insisted upon.
5. That the Women's Institutes be asked to take full charge of the Women's Work, with such help from the Directorate as they may require. And similarly that all organizations that can assist in making the Fair a real success be asked to co-operate.
6. That industrial and commercial exhibits be encouraged.
7. That the building formerly used by the Military Forces as Officers' Quarters be slightly remodelled and used as the offices of the Fair during Fair time.
8. That the building near the main dining hall in 1917, be used as a dining hall in 1918, be used as a Lecture Hall during the Fair, and that a programme of Lectures on Agricultural Topics by the best authorities obtainable be arranged for and conducted during the Fair period.
9. That the present main entrance gate be used as an Exhibitors and Pass Gate only; that the gate in the north end of the grounds be closed entirely; and that public entrance gates be placed in the Jog of the fence, northwest of the grandstand. By this arrangement no one could be packed along the west fence north of the entrance, and the Midway could be placed between the entrance gates and the buildings so as not to interfere with the live stock.
10. That the professional horse races be discontinued entirely. That liberal prizes be given for harness and saddle classes, the judging of which will be staged in front of the grandstand.
11. That the admission to the grandstand for any and all performances be reduced to 25c, the same as the paddocks, and the programme of attractions in front of the grandstand be arranged so as to give that variety which is necessary to get people into the stand more than once. We would suggest amateur sports as part of the programme for one day at least. We would specially emphasize the advisability of guarding against too high priced attraction programmes which in the event of bad weather would run the Fair into a serious deficit, especially during the war.
12. That the Prize List be increased to the extent that may be necessary to qualify for the Dominion grant according to the present regulations, placing emphasis on any special classes that would help to draw an increased gate.
13. That professional and amateur exhibits be placed in separate classes.
14. That objectionable concessions be barred as far as possible, and a high moral tone be maintained in connection with the fair.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR Ending Dec. 31, 1917.

Agricultural Entries	\$61.35
Receipts	631.15
Concessions	204.00
Donations	174.00
Gates and Stands	250.00
Grants	150.00
Membership	152.00
	949.50
Disbursements	209.42
Advertising	209.42
Expense Account, General	44.85
Expense, Racing	201.48
Interest and Exchange	67.77
Material and Labor	653.35
Prizes	58.96
Postage	250.65
Printing	661.70
Races	5849.58
Balance, being deficit, carried to General Revenue	357.08

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Mr. Lindsay explained that \$100 of the deficit was on 1916 buildings. The deficit was in 1917. The Fair of 1917 practically broke even.
A long discussion took place on the report of the special committee appointed to report on the 1918 Fair. President Wolliver reviewed the growth and position of the Red Deer Fair, and its relation to the Western Fair circuit; they could not well cut loose from all the crowd saving of stock and attractions besides, the people would demand some attractions. The position was that the Dominion grant of \$2500 towards the prize list was contingent upon an expenditure by the Red Deer board of \$4000, instead of \$2000, as formerly, for live stock and grain, and this \$1500 had to be provided for in increased receipts, which were not in sight to any extent, or economies in attractions and other things. Another serious consideration was that the Calgary dates which had crowded Red Deer into the last two days of the week in 1917, would this year crowd Red Deer over into the next week. Edmonton always started on the Monday, so Red Deer would have to fight for a week between Calgary and Edmonton and it could only use part of it to advantage.
Messrs. Day, Lord and the President were chosen as the deputation to attend the Western Canada Fair meeting.

OLD CHRISTMAS SAYINGS

An old German saying is that between 11 and 12 o'clock on Christmas eve water can be turned into wine.
A Montserrat saying about Christmas eve is "Tonight earth is blended with Paradise."
The lamp or candle must not be allowed to burn itself out on Christmas eve or there will be a death in the family within a year.
The Magyar superstition is that anyone who eats nuts without money on Christmas will lose his teeth.
Another is that a pillow turned at midnight will bring dreams of a future lover.
It is unlucky to trip on Christmas day.
The ancient Scandinavian and Anglo-Saxon called Christmas "Mother's Night," the name being handed down to the Christianized people from an old pagan festival, formerly celebrated about this season of the year.
The Sicilian children played pennyroyal in the beds Christmas eve because they believe it always flowers at the exact hour of Christ's birth.
A live coal should never be carried out of the house on Christmas eve.
All children born at midnight on December 31 will become great and famous.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees Payne, Munro, Gaetz and Stephenson were present at the Public School Board meeting on Wednesday evening.
The following accounts were ordered paid: Hewson & Sons, coal, \$305.00; A. Gray, \$1.30; Western General, \$2.00; Great West Lumber Co., \$5.32; Jan. Bower, \$8; H. G. Stone, \$7.50; M. A. Munro, postage, \$3.11; T. Waddell, \$2; E. G. Johns, \$5.70; Brumpton & Gaetz, \$9.36; Smith Hill, \$4; Cushing Bros., \$1.05; D. McGill, coal, \$2.15; H. J. Bosh, \$3; J. A. McLean, \$1.40; A. Pye, \$1.75; Day Hardware Co., new grates and repairing three furnaces, \$157.18; Gaetz-Cornett Co., supplies, \$81.75.
The Secretary was directed to pay the Separate School Board \$250 on account, with adjustment to follow.
Mr. Waddell, caretaker of the south school, was returned to the basis of \$20 per month, as the two rooms were now being used.
Mrs. Dawe is taking up the teaching of vocal music in the schools after the New Year.
The schools close on December 21st, and resume on January 2nd.
The Principal's report for October showed registration of 543, 534 in 1916. Mrs. McKay's and Miss Springbett's rooms were high in attendance. For November the registration was 546, 543 in 1916. Miss Nurcombe's and Miss Bradley's rooms were high in attendance, the average of the whole school being 92.61. Corporal punishment cases for October 13, November 9. The potatoes realized \$37.45. The high school girls' basketball team had played several games with Lacombe, Ponoka, and Stettler, losing only once, to Stettler. The H. S. football team won at Okla by 10 to 0. The Twelfth grade now registers 19, the highest in the history of the school. The thanks of the staff of the High School is due Mr. W. J. Stephenson and Miss Mina Cole for donating "Current History" and "World's Work" to the reading table. The Principal is placing the "Canadian Courier," and the Vice-Principal numerous pamphlets in connection with the war from the Overseas Club, on the reading table.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The annual Xmas exercises of the Red Deer High School will be held in the Assembly Hall, Public School, on Wednesday evening, December 20th, at 8 p.m. Presentation of medals by the School Board and I.O.G.E. Programme of music and plays by the pupils.
The public are cordially invited. No admission fee.
W. E. PAYNE, Chairman,
Red Deer Public School Board.
M. A. MUNRO, Secretary,
Red Deer Public School Board.
C. D. LOCKE, Principal.

ECKVILLE

On Friday last a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Storey met in the Eckville Hall and spent a most enjoyable evening. The ladies of the village presented their guests with a small token of the esteem in which they were held. Mr. Storey, in thanking the ladies and those present for the pleasant evening, said that they would always remember their many friends at Eckville, and extended to all a hearty invitation to visit them at Lacombe.
Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Kenny, of Red Deer, spoke in the Hall last Tuesday in celebration of Dr. Clark. There was a good attendance. Dr. Clark has a good many supporters here.
Mr. Puffer, of Lacombe, the Liberal candidate, also spoke here last week. As it was "hog day," there were not many who had time to go to Mr. Puffer's meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leistner held their wedding dance here last Monday. Although the evening was cold there was a good turnout to wish the young couple every happiness.
G. M. Parham and J. Olson have gone north moose hunting.
Mr. Shorroch is away on business to Calgary.
Don't forget to keep a date for the Eckville Xmas tree.


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Mr. Bjorklund was appointed to attend the Hog Production meeting at Calgary.

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In order to meet the big demand for furniture suitable for gifts, we have put into our stock the largest collection of **Easy Chairs, Rockers, Parlor Tables, Library Tables, Etc.**, we ever had.

We would like you to inspect our stock. We know you will be delighted with the variety and quality.

Here are a few of the articles that make excellent Xmas gifts. **We have them in stock:**

LARGE EASY ROCKERS, upholstered in leather, imitation leather and tapestry, **\$9.75**

LARGE EASY CHAIRS to match, in the newest Period Styles.

PARLOR TABLES in great variety, in both Oak and Mahogany, from **\$2.75**

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HEARTH RUGS make excellent presents. We have a very large stock; and prices **\$1.00 to \$7.50**

We have just received a large consignment of Bed-room Furniture, which we are now opening up.

Our stock of GIFTS FOR CHILDREN includes:

Doll Cabs **Shoo Fly Rockers**

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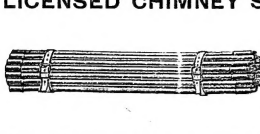
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Any woman would be delighted to receive for Christmas one of those nice kitchen cabinets that the Best Furniture Co. are showing. Prices from \$12.00 up.

All members of the Red Deer Ladies Curing Club, and all ladies intending to curl this winter will meet at the home of Mrs. Donald Smith, Fifth Street, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Local and District Intelligence

Russell's candy is pure candy.

Buy Xmas candy at Fulton's.

Merry Christmas to all our readers.

Mrs. Dr. John Collison returned from her trip to Ontario last week.

See Brazier's advertisement in another column. He has everything in the Christmas Toy line.

The Best Furniture Co. are offering some special prices on Sewing Machines for Christmas delivery.

Red Deer Hide and Metal Company are paying 40 cents for No. 1 rat skins, and \$7.00 for No. 1 Coyote skins.

Don't forget the Baptist Christmas Tree on Friday, December 28th. Come and see the children have a good time.

The Women's Institute will hold a sale of Christmas cooking and tea at the Institute Rooms, Saturday, December 22nd.

I have in stock McLaughlin Cutters and runners, also Fleury and Maple Leaf Grinders, Gas Engines, etc.—Wm. Hammond, agent.

A very successful dance was held in Mr. Henderson's barn, Willowdale, on Wednesday, December 5th, in aid of the Red Cross. The very satisfactory sum of \$44.00 was realized for the cause.

A Christmas tree, entertainment, and concert will be held at Balaoral School on the evening of Thursday, December 20th. Lunch will be served and a collection will be taken up in aid of the Red Cross.

Two weeks ago it was announced that Miss Armstrong was secretary-treasurer of the Red Cross Society. This is not the case. Mrs. F. S. Simpson is secretary-treasurer of the Red Cross, and Miss Armstrong is assistant secretary.

Remember the Christmas cantata, "First Aid to Santa Claus" to be rendered by the Methodist Sunday School in the Church on Friday, 21st, at 8 p.m. Special patriotic feature by the Business Girls' Club. Admission 25c, children 10c.

Brazier will give you great bargains in Christmas goods, as he is clearing out a large portion of his big stock to make room for the large stock he is putting in after the New Year festival. The wholesale department of one of the biggest firms in the United States.

The annual meeting of the Red Deer Horticultural Society will be held tonight, Wednesday, December 19th, at 8 p.m., at the City Hall. Business: receiving the accounts for the year and election of officers for 1918. Mr. T. S. Miller, leading prize winner at the 1917 exhibition, subject, "Experiences of an amateur gardener."

Ladies knitting for the soldiers in the trenches please note that the Library will be closed Christmas and New Year's days, and secure extra wool on Tuesday, 18th, at the Library. If any knitter runs out during the holidays, wool can be procured at the residences of Mrs. W. A. Moore and Mrs. D. G. Horn.

A Joint Christmas Tree under the auspices of the day school and Sunday school at Poplar Ridge will be held in the Schoolhouse on Thursday, December 27th. A good programme is being prepared. All the friends of the boys and girls are welcome. A collection will be taken to provide a treat for the children. Those making arrangements have the authority of the trustees that no dance will be allowed.

A Patriotic Cantata, with special Choruses by sailor boys, Red Cross nurses, and others in praise of Tommy Atkins will be given at the Christmas Tree entertainment in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, December 21st, at 7.30 o'clock. Admission to cover expenses of the tree, Adults 25c, children from other schools, 10c. There will be a Sunday school tree, and a gift tree for new and second hand books, toys, clothes, to be sent away to other children. It will do anybody good to hear the children sing "Santa Claus is expected."

Christmas Sunday in the Methodist Church will be suitably observed with, specially interesting services. 11 a.m. special talk to children by the pastor on "The World's Welcome to Jesus." The children will also contribute special Christmas songs, in addition to that rendered by the Choir. This is expected to be a family gathering of parents and children at 7.30 p.m. Rev. Mr. Bishop intends discussing the latest subject of "Jehovah and World Peace." At this service also the choir will contribute fitting Christmas music. The Sunday school at 2.30 will also be a special open Christmas session.

Buy him a nice sweater coat at Jack Fulton's.

For doll carriages, tricycles, children's ruckers, etc., see the selection the Best Furniture Co. are showing. "Prices reasonable."

Jack Fulton's for Xmas gifts for men.

Nice, wholesome homemade Christmas candy of all sorts at Russell's.

A large stock of Xmas ornaments, bells, tinsel, garlands, tags, candles, and candle holders at John McVicar's, Gaetz Ave. North.

A Standard or White Sewing Machine would be an ideal gift for wife this Christmas. The Best Furniture Co. are local agents.

Mrs. C. H. Beachell received word on Monday that her husband, who was in Halifax at the time of the explosion is safe and expects to be home for the holidays.

Thos. Jolly, of Mossbank, Sask., brother of Mrs. Thos. Meeres, and Austin Myott, of the same place, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Meeres at Dronore Farm last week.

There is nothing you can give the kiddies that will give them more real pleasure than one of those toy sets of furniture like the Best Furniture Co. are showing. You can get them from \$3.00 up.

MARRIAGE

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Mann, Fairlands district, on Wednesday evening, December 12th, by the Rev. W. G. Brown Miss Flora Jane Mann to Mr. John Spears McRae, of Ceylon, Saskatchewan.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, the Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and in earth, peace, goodwill toward men."—Luke 2: 8-14.

You can get some very pretty framed pictures and photo frames at the Best Furniture Co. store from 10c up.

CHURCH NOTICES

Services at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, December 23rd, will be at the usual hours of 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7.30 p.m., and will be in keeping with the Advent season which is preparatory to the great Christian festival of Christmas Day. The Sunday School and Bible classes will meet at 2.30 p.m.

Christmas Day will be observed at St. Luke's Church by Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Christmas service at 11 a.m., consisting of short morning prayer, Holy Communion, sermon, and the well-known Christmas hymns. The Rector earnestly hopes that all Anglicans will observe Christmas Day as a true holy day, and not merely a holiday, by attending church to worship in psalm and hymn, and prayer and sacrament.

The Christmas season and what it means for religion will be the theme at both the morning and evening worship next Sunday in the Presbyterian Church. The choir will lead the congregation in a service of praise appropriate to the day. The money earned by the boys and girls for the Belgian orphanage to be given either in the morning or at the Sunday School at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the Baptist Church next Sunday Christmas themes will be spoken of at both services. Rev. Brown will preach to the boys and girls in the morning, giving a black-board talk on "A Christmas Lesson." In the evening he will speak on the "Anthem of the Angels." Sunday school at 12 o'clock sharp.

A large audience heard Rev. Brown last Sunday at Poplar Ridge when he presented on "The Christmas and the modern dance." Next Sunday Rev. Brown will preach a Christmas sermon, subject, "The song of the Angels."

He is sure to like it if it comes from Jack Fulton's.

You will find gifts suitable for all members of the family at Best's Furniture Store.

FOR SALE, 8 Calves, about 30 laying Hens, and a Cutter in good shape.—Address the News Office, or P.O. box 196.

Dec.18-3w

TEACHER WANTED for Crossroads School District, No. 495, holding 2nd class professional certificate. Duties to commence on the Monday, Jan. 7th.—Apply to A. F. Nelson, secretary.

Dec.18-1*

ESTRAY.—Came to S.E. ¼, sec. 4-28-35, with one Yearling Heifer, black and white. No visible brand.—Owner please take away and pay expenses.—A. Gehlke.

Dec.18-3w

WANTED.—An experienced Teacher for 1918.—Apply, stating salary expected, to J. W. V. Slack, Sec. Kamsano S.D., No. 755. Banalto.

Nov-26.

SARCEE Indian Reserve wants Kitchen Mutton, Salary \$25.00 per month. Boys' Mutton, Salary \$20.00 per month.—Apply to Archdeacon Times, Sarcee Indian Reserve, Calgary.

Dec.12

TRAYED from Sec. 19, Tp. 38, R. 2, two Yearlings, branded HNG on the left ribs, also small piece cut out of the left ear.—Apply to W. Huss, Banalto, or J. Cruickshank, Red Deer.

Dec.19-3

FOR SALE Grade Shorthorn Bull, 3 years old, also registered Stallion, and Bull calf, five months old.—J. Cruickshank, Red Deer.

Dec.15-4

FOR SALE.—Quarter Section, \$20.00 per acre. Three miles due east of Penhold station, comfortable House, Granary, and 40 acres in Timothy. Good terms to right party. Apply H. Edwards, on the property.

Nov.28.

TEACHER WANTED.—For Springvale School District, No. 219, holding first or second class certificate. Salary \$65 per month. Duties to commence January 7th, 1918.—Apply to W. P. Code, Sec-Treas.

STRAYED on to the premises of E. Hill, Hill End P.O., S.E. ¼ sec. 18, 36, Range 28, with one Black Polled Steer, brockle face, three years old. Branded double rowlock on left ribs, also branded reversed G surrounded by half diamond on left hip, also wattled on bricket.—Thos. J. Walton, brand reader.

Dec.12

TEACHER WANTED for Waskasoo School District, No. 685. Salary \$60 per month.—W. R. Ellenwood, Sec-Treas., Red Deer.

Dec.13

WANTED.—A good General Servant. Apply to Mrs. Dr. Parsons, First Street South.

Dec.12

BUSINESS MAN requires Room and Board in a fully modern house. State terms, P.O. Box 269.

Dec.12

WANTED.—Needlework, sewing, and mending of all kinds. By day's work or at home. Moderate prices.—Apply Mrs. Loquet, Box 205, Red Deer.

Nov. 5th

TEACHER Wanted by the Valley Central School District, No. 517, holding 1st or 2nd class professional certificate for Alberta. State salary experience, and references. Apply W.H. Purdie, Sec-Treas., Hillsdown P.O., Alberta.

Dec.12

STRAYED on to the premises of the undersigned a two-year-old bull. Red with dark head and with white spot on flank. No visible brand. Will owner please call, pay expenses, and take it away. G. E. Woods, on Dr. Lanton's place, Poplar Ridge.

Dec.15-*

MEN WANTED everywhere to shop. Samples or mail circulars for large Mail Order House. Permanent position. Will pay \$20 weekly.—The Consumers' Association, Windsor, Ontario.

Dec.15-1*

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W. E. PAYNE, Chairman.

Red Deer Public School Board.

M. A. MUNRO, Secretary.

Red Deer Public School Board.

C. D. LOCKE, Principal.

NOTICE

I wish to make the announcement that I have sold my Blacksmith business to Mr. Chas. Wilkie, of the City of Winnipeg, who takes it over on January 1st. Mr. Wilkie has secured his King and Country at the front, was wounded and returned to Canada as being unfit for further service, but after a year's rest he was able to take up a position with the government as instructor in the Convalescent Home in Winnipeg, from where he comes to Red Deer, and I trust that he will receive the same liberal patronage that has always been given to me, and for which I wish to thank my patrons most heartily.

W. SPRINGBETT.

What Shall I Buy for Xmas?

The answer is:

Casseroles
Carvers
Table Cutlery
Pocket Knives
Razors
Nickle Plated Tea Pots
Nickle Plated Coffee Pots
Nickle Plated Tea Kettles
Carpet Sweepers (Bissell's)
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We appreciate your patronage in the above articles believing we can give you

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THE
DAY HARDWARE CO.
ROSS STREET, RED DEER, ALTA.

Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

Ideal Xmas Gifts for Men

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Men's Wear and Novelties for Men

NECKWEAR: Our assortment of neckwear was never better. We think that that is enough for those who know our reputation.

LOUNGING JACKETS: A Lounging Jacket makes a lovely gift for a man. See these at, each \$10. BATHROBES: A nice assortment of Bath Robes, priced at \$10 each.

GLOVES: Mocha, Suede, Cape and Wool; in a nice assortment, at \$1.00 to \$3.00.

SWEATER COATS: We have a great variety of styles and colors to choose from either in wool and cotton mixed, or in pure wool, at \$5.00 to \$12.00.

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Patronize the Men's Store for Christmas Presents for Men. Ladies especially invited to inspect our goods

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What is it? Candy, of course. Where is the best place to buy? "Russell's." Why? Because it is a store that makes and sells nothing but "Candy," a real honest-to-goodness candy store that, making its own candy, is enabled to keep its prices down and its stock up.

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RINGS FOR THE BELLE and the baby. Rings suitable for every age, for every purpose, for every occasion. If you are in search of a ring, be it a signet, a solitaire or a plain gold band you can do no better than to select it from our unequalled collection. Our guarantee goes with every ring.

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Big Variety Here. We can solve your Gift Problems.

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Toilet Sets.
Manicure Sets.
Brush and Comb Sets.
Goods in White Ivory.
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Cut Glass.
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Xmas Boxes of Note Paper.
Xmas Boxes of Chocolates.
Perfume in Pretty Boxes.
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A Calendar for 1918.
A Kodak, \$7.50 to \$22.50.
A Book of Poems.
A Fountain Pen.
A Writing case.
Hand Bags.

FOR HIM.

A Safety Razor, \$1.00 to \$5.00.
Shaving Sets, \$2.25 to \$5.00.
Shaving Brush or Strop.
Pocket Book or Wallet.
Diary for 1918.
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Pipes in Case, or without, 25c to \$10.00.
Collar Bag, 75c to \$3.00.
Box of Cigars, 75c to \$4.50.
Tobacco Pouches, 35c to \$2.00.
Cigarettes from 10c to \$1.00.
Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen, \$2.50 to \$8.00.
Eveready Flashlights, 85c to \$3.50.
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A VICTROLA at \$27.50, 41.50, 63.00, 79.00 and up

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